

**Abstract**

Image data is recorded both in a first recording format and in a second recording format having a lower coding rate than in the first recording format. Image data recorded in the first recording format is erased after transmitted to an external apparatus. Image data recorded in the second recording format is kept on an internal recording medium. Transmission to external increases the recording time available for image data. Even if the user requests to replay image data which has been erased after transmitted, it is possible to immediately replay the corresponding image data recorded in the second recording format without the necessity of reconnecting to the external apparatus and receiving the image data.